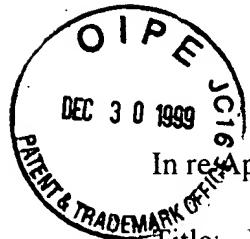


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Election mailed October 26, 1999, the period of time for response having been extended until January 1, 2000, by the accompanying Petition and fee. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 5 and 8, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows (for the Examiner's convenience, the pending non-amended claims are listed as well):

1. (Once Amended.) A substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid

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